



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

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Ms. Helene Grossman
State Director for Adult Literacy
Iowa Department of Education
Grimes State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146

Dear Ms. Grossman:

Thank you for submitting the Iowa Department of Education's (IDE) written adult education assessment policy, which local eligible providers must follow in measuring education gain and reporting data to the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) in the National Reporting System for Adult Education (NRS). Federal regulations at 34 CFR 462.40(b) require OVAE to review and approve each State's assessment policy.

OVAE has completed its review and has approved IDE's assessment policy. This approval covers the period from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. If IDE wishes to revise the approved assessment policy, please forward the proposed revisions to OVAE for review and approval covering the balance of this period. Otherwise, the State's assessment policy does not need to be submitted to OVAE again until December 31, 2009, as one of the annual reporting requirements, for the period covering the next program year, which extends from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011.

Thank you for IDE's efforts to promote uniform, standardized assessment and accountability procedures for its local programs. OVAE values your partnership in continuing to meet the educational needs of adult learners.

Sincerely,

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Director
Division of Adult Education and Literacy

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